GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3644
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
RESERVATION FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed serious concern over Government`s apathy towards implementation job reservation for disabled; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARAJE)

(a)&(b): On a Writ Petition (Civil) No.430/2000 filed by Shri Javed Abidi, the Supreme Court has directed the Cabinet Secretary to convene a meeting of the Secretaries of the concerned Departments for taking a final decision on proper implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities,Protection of Right and Full Participation) Act, 1995 including Section 33 relating to employment for persons with disabilities and giving a concrete shape in this regard. As a follow up of the directions of the Supreme Court, the Cabinet Secretary has since reviewed the position in three meetings of the Committee of Secretaries and has set up a Group comprising Secretaries of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Personnel & Training and Legal Affairs. The Group has held a series of meetings in groups with the representatives of the various Ministries/Departments to review the position in regard to implementation of various provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. The Group has conveyed to all concerned the statutory obligation, urgency and importance of full compliance of various provisions of the Act including the need for ensuring 3% reservation for persons with disabilities.

The Government remains committed to ensure implementation of the various provisions of the above mentioned Act in the right earnest.